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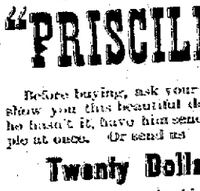

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CHAPTER V

THE WHITE FEATHER.

Time wore on.

Presently the dinner and pair drove up—the guardsmen alighted to take their orders from Strathminess. He gave them in a low tone of voice—Curly could not distinguish a word—to see the mare, however, poke Mac-Allister's horse in front of the other two, and he noted that they had actually had troubled Decamputer's horses. Then they sat down and began to smoke their pipes. What could it all mean?

Half an hour later Miss Allister appeared at the door, and spoke in an undertone to Decamputer, who gave further orders to the guardsmen, and then turning to his rival, said in a curt, insolent manner: "Hit you, sir, step this way, and look after a cent it!"

Curly paused a moment, as who should say, "Am I a man or a dog, to be thus spoken to? But after all, it is for her sake, or here!" And so he entered the room.

And such a sight! Nor he nor Curly. The old man lay after him with a heavy, and he found himself outrapped. He was soon overpowered in the one hand by MacAllister, on the other by Decamputer, both desperate men, with loaded pistols in their hands. He was a fine one, alone, unarmed, and unprepared. There was no chance for him—from MacAllister handed to Decamputer a shred of paper on which a few lines were hastily scrawled.

"Write as it be required.

"Write, repeated the other.

"Now, you sir," said MacAllister, "listen to what I have wrote, and obey orders."

"Forty years ago, if a fellow had spoken to me like that, replied Curly, "I would have—"

"Silence! I command it!" They were ays a pair of fencing masters, the best of them, but Curly was a man to stand up to and he felt how he would like to spank the little fellow's face. "I will now that after twenty years ago that the best of our families of Strathminess MacAllister what you have done to me and mine meanwhile, my fellow-servant and I were both brought here, and forced him to write these lines. Now you have to do what I command you, or else I will shoot you through the head. Do you understand me?"

"Yes, I understand you," replied Curly, "but I don't understand—"

"Silence! I command it! They were ays a pair of fencing masters, the best of them, but I have no time to explain to you just now.

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LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

Thanksgiving this fall? A winter, I guess.

Jack Frost is a clever and knows a thing or two.

If Mrs. Grundy thinks so she says the way.

What put it in her head to call to-day?

I can't say what she was—that's all no doubt

That worries a nothing but a gay old skeleton.

I hope her anger, like mine,

* * * *

Print hurried him to bringing her apologies —

Mrs. Grundy, I don't like, why this

Is quite a pleasure, I am sure (A kiss.)

So kind of you to call — he quite a treat

Let's see every one shall—pray take a seat

We're all right, I tell you, it is true,

That we've had a bad week for you

Every one knows—there is no need,

I'm very glad you've called—I am, I plead

Boston Courier

—The woods have been full of deer of late.

—Stan McCarty has added a fine line of rubber goods to his stock.

—It is rumored that Smethport will have another barber shop in the near future.

—Seth Gifford has put down some durable plank walks in front of his residence on Mill street.

—Mr. Sam McClure is enlarging his meat store on Cemetery street with the addition of a wing.

—John C. Hamlin has improved his premises by fitting up the low, wet hole just west of his store.

It has got to be a right smart year of roosters. Shut can not crow Squire Smith and Fred Brownell, and no mistake.

C. W. Howe has added some fine new scenery to the equipments of his photograph gallery. Crowley is bound to keep abreast of the times.

H. W. Stubin, the enterprising cloth ier has placed a very handsome cabinet in his store for the purpose of displaying gentlemen's fine shirts.

Once in a while Palmer gets a cue rather who takes possession of his office for hospitable purposes, but he does not allow them to become stayers.

Mr. W. J. Colegrove has placed night burner on the corner of the street front of his residence, for which he has the thanks of all dwellers in that locality.

Upon Tuesday noon last eight marriage licenses had been taken out at the Court House in this place. Rather a poor showing for the last month under the new law.

There will be a drawing for a fine diamond ring, and for the magnificent case of Human Hacks, at the Grand Central Hotel on Saturday night of next week. Tickets $1 00.

The pipe that has been laid and buried that leads to the gasometer near the Parker house. By this new arrangement it is hoped the gas supply in the future will be more perfectly regulated.

The young people of this town are quitting rapidly and to a rate disobliging and consumption for want of exercise is not and exercise. When a man absolutely refuses to have enterprise enough to take that risk at hand.

The rumor has been so waved that the depot at Lafayette will be rebuilt we may Rooms. It is to be hoped that this rumor is founded on fact, or that Kendall will hurry up that hotel and get it in running order before snow flies.

We this week publish the advertisement of the Harrisburg *Patriot*, which under the new management is one of the handsomest and most newspapers on the State. It is for the news that we want it not for its politics which are detestable

Dean says that Seth Gifford has caught on to the new style of drawing in green apples. He came down Potatoe Creek the other night in the dark, with the bottom gone out, at a half hour pace with both lines under the collar directly dispensing with martingales.

The farewell donation Friday evening last at the Baptist parsonage for the benefit of Rev. F. H. Gates, owing the unsettled state of the weather, was not largely attended, but those who had the good fortune to be present had an enjoyable time. The proceeds amounted to about $45

At the recent Warren county fair the first premium for the best pen and cabinet was awarded to Miss Hattie Wheeler of Point N. Y., a niece of W. L. McGowan, principal of the Smethport graded school. The young lady is only eighteen years of age but she did this premium baking without any assistance.

In our last issue the name of James Hagan was inserted as a member of the vigilance committee for Eldred township. It was intended for Keating township. The correction is made in this issue. Mr. Adams being substituted for Mr. Hagan on Eldred and Mr. Hagan added to the Keating committee.

The first marriage ceremony in this place under the new law was performed Sunday evening last at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. Wm. Bradley. The happy pair came all the way from Cattaraugus, N. Y., so that they might have the pleasure of taking out one of those iron clad Pennsylvania marriage licenses.

—F. J. Vickery's grocery business has increased to that degree that he has already commenced to cough for more room. He is now occupying a portion of the basement of the Opera House as a store room, and it may safely before another year rolls by that Frank will be satisfied with nothing short of the whole building.

Pedestrians on Main st., on Sunday last were surprised upon looking down street, to see what they supposed to be a tribe of Comanche Indians on their ponies coming to make warfare on their white brethren, but it proved to be only a number of the boys who were returning from a ride in the hacks of the forest

—A man by the name of Stansell stole a coat from Stubin's clothing house on Monday forenoon. The confederate went into the store and occupied the attention of the clerk while he sneaked off with the coat. Frank Foster, of McCoy's drug store, noticed what was going on and notified Stubin who is a warrant was issued and the thief captured. Stubin recovered his coat but for some unaccountable reason let Stansell go "scott free."

—Monday morning last as a little girl was on her way to school, and while coming through the dug-road near Mrs. Irons, was nearly frightened out of her wits by three deer springing up almost in her pathway. The fawns soon spread and several of our local sportsmen shouldered the shooting irons and hied themselves away to the woods in search of the venison, but as the present writing we have not learned that the fleeing deer had been overtaken.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would seem to a know it those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at the office.

J. H. Boylan of Coleville was a guest at the Chautauqua House on Tuesday.

E. L. Smith, the organ dealer of Olean was at the Wright House Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. M. Lemmler of Angola, N. Y. is visiting his son Charles of this place.

Mrs. Henry King of Bradford is stopping at the Grand Central. She has sold her oil.

Miss Gene Hamlin made a brief visit to her home, to witness her sister's marriage on Monday last.

C. P. Byron of Bradford was over looking after the gasometer this week He stops at the Wright House.

Will Mandeville and wife of Olean, were in town on Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mrs. Milliken.

Postmaster W. J. Davis and daughter of Port Allegany were visiting friends in town on Monday last.

Messrs S. V. and S. F. Godden, with their families, left for their homes in Florida and Indiana respectively this week.

Llywel Sartwell and wife, accompanied by a Miss Sill of Warren, were visitors at Mr. Roswell Sartwell's on Sunday last.

Rev. F. H. Gates has been in Penn Yan, N. Y., this week in attendance at the New York State Baptist Missionary Society's meeting.

Rev. L. P. Day, of Georgetown, N. Y., preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening, and will supply the same pulpit next Sunday Mr Day is a very forcible speaker, and his discourses last Sunday were listened to with marked attention

DIED

At his residence in Keating township on Friday Oct 23 1885, HARRISON WRIGHT aged 54 years

Mr Wright was engaged feeding his hogs, when he fell from the top of the hay mow to the barn floor where he was found some time after in an unconscious condition The injuries he received proved fatal

G. A. R. Campfire

The members of the W. K. Corps met a few days since and appointed the following committees to make arrangements for the camp fire to be held on Thanksgiving day

Dry Commissary—Mrs L. Stanton Mrs P. Thomas Mrs H. Smethport Mr. A. Potter Mrs J. Quigley and Mr. W. Chamberlain

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Mt. Jewett School Report.

Mr. Jewett school report for month ending Oct 23, 1885 No pupils enrolled 52, average attendance during no attending 39 per cent. of attendance during month, 90. names of pupils not absent during month Hattie Peterson, Mamie Magnuson, Chas Larson, Lizzie Marsh, Carrie Raymond, Flora Smith, Irene Reese, Hubbe Reese, Nancy Tate, Delos Reese, Will Worzel. At the end of each following month an examination will be held on the 4 and 8 grades and the average per cent. of each pupil's standing given.

Mrs. M Geary, Teacher

The Prestigitator Returns.

Wednesday noon last there came into town up Main street a couple of travel worn ponies, one of them wearing a white sombrero, suggesting the Texas cowboy, while the other was attired in eastern outfit throughout. At first it was supposed that another troop of Indian oil men had invaded our village. A close inspection of the travelers, however revealed the fact that the twain were no less personages than Wm DeBarmo, the "Mixed lumberman" of Kelley Run, and Frank S Baker, formerly of this place, but more recently of Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, etc., etc Mr DeBarmo, left this place for his Wisconsan home last spring, but the homing air of McKean county appears to be peculiarly fired for his physical well-being, hence he always makes it a point to strike this haven just before the first snow storm comes and there remain until the little bites bird makes its appearance on the following spring. Mr Baker bid adieu to his many Smethport friends on the first day of last December and since that time has seen much of the western country. The boys are looking exceedingly well and received a right royal welcome on their return to town

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary B. Milliken died at her residence in this borough on Monday last just before 12 o'clock m., in the 81st year of her age. Her last illness was of brief duration, being confined to her bed but two or three days. The cause of her death was the contraction of a cold about a week before which finally resulted in pneumonia.

Mrs. Milliken's maiden name was Mary S. Backus, and she was the sister of Messrs. Seth A and John C Backus of this place. She was born at Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., on the 2d day of January, 1805. Here her childhood was passed and here was laid the foundation of a thorough English education by attending the academy of that village. In 1830 her father removed with his family to Lansing, Tompkins Co., N. Y., where she resided for a number of years. She was married to John Milliken, Sept. 21, 1832, at which time her husband was engaged in the mercantile business in Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where they continued to reside several years. Subsequently the family removed to Waterloo, Seneca Co., N. Y., where Mr Milliken continued in the mercantile business until he died Nov 14th, 1849 In 1855 Mrs Milliken removed with her family to this place where she has since resided. She was the mother of four children two of them being buried at Waterloo before coming to this county Another lovely daughter grew to womanhood in this place and married Wm H Richmond of this borough. W J Milliken Esq., the well known lawyer of this place, is the only surviving member of Mrs Milliken's immediate family In early life she was a member of the Presbyterian church but in later years she became an Episcopalian, and was a member of that church in this place at the time of her death No lady was ever more beloved by an entire community than was Mrs Milliken by this. She was possessed of the most amiable disposition and wonderful conversational faculties which rendered her company a delightful companion. A large concourse of sorrowing friends attended the funeral services at her residence on Wednesday which were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. McCandless. A loving mother and devoted sister and friend has passed away. "Peace to her ashes."

TRY the Elastic Starch, for sale at Vickery's. I have tried it; it is the best in market. F. K.

Who Are Our Enemies?

It will be conceded by every impartial observer, that there is no town in the country more admirably located for the establishment of those industrial enterprises in which the heaviest or hard wood timber of our forests is converted into countless articles for the uses of mankind. We have a delightful town in which to live, where intelligence, refinement, churches and excellent schools are controlling characteristics. The town is located at the junction of two streams which drain a large section of country. Along the river runs and the fir tributaries for many miles the hemlock timber and hard woods incident to this region of country abound in almost endless quantities. A large buyer of bark and an expert in the business, after making over considerable of the territory of Hamlin, Sergeant and Norwich township the past week, advanced the opinion before leaving here that he had never before seen such hemlock lands. He had seen lands on large sections of Canada and northern New York which were called hemlock lands, but for quantity and quality of bark those in the townships named were vastly superior to any he had ever seen.

The business men of Smethport have for years realized the importance of this point as a manufacturing centre, and particularly of calling the attention of the consumers of hemlock bark to the vast bodies lying near here. One of them last winter had published in the *Shoe and Leather Reporter* of New York, a short advertisement in which he requested correspondence with any man or firm who contemplated building a tan very this season. He received replies from different parties, one being an upper leather manufacturing firm in Boston A member of that firm came to Smethport a few weeks ago for the purpose of looking over the country with a view of locating here. He went away very much pleased with the bark outlook as well as with the town He did not realize that he was being hounded, that there were spies literally dogging every step he took until he returned to Boston Then he began to get letters from every section of country, and each urged him for an Pennsylvania and New York who offered him every inducement to locate in their midst. After a while he discovered who was the cause of so much trouble to look after his business, a certain individual who spent in most of the time in Boston acknowledging me that he was sending for him to him

He finally concluded to make another trip to Smethport bringing one of his partners with him Before leaving Boston he was again called upon and pleaded with to visit Cattaraugus before going upon a vacation A business friend also called at his office and showed him a letter in which the following appeared Tell Mr M—— he had better be at the country over carefully before he locates. If he does locate at Smethport he will regret it as I will find he has made a serious mistake The competition will be sharp—the lands so held fully per cent bigger than in the surrounding country and the quantity of bark is not near as large as in the — Valley

These living words were known to be such by the man who penned them but what did he care if it only served his purpose. We were suppressed curious at the request of the gentleman who has been the recipient of these attempts. There is now no doubt that the man who were here last spring, asking for a sole leath er tannery locations were drawn away by the same influences. Our only excuse for devoting so much space to this subject at this time is to let the people of Smethport know why their town is not twice, yes, three as large and prosperous as it is to day We will continue this discussion hereafter

A Gentlemanly Wedding

In another column will be found the announcement of the marriage of Miss Emma, the lovely daughter of Judge H. Hamlin, and Rev J. H. her Methodist rector of St Luke's church of this place which was solemnized in that church on Monday last The ceremony was performed by Bishop Whitehead of this diocese, assisted by Revs. Day of Bradford and Bailey of Pittsburgh Rev Dr White of Butler was also present It is not exaggerating to say, that a more fashionable wedding never occurred in this place, as it probably not in this section of country The bride was elegantly attired, the elite of the county filled the church, the music was great and the service beautiful The bride entered the church leaning upon the arm of her father who were preceded by the ushers. Messrs Orlo and Paul Hamlin, John Kane and Harry Richmond The groom entered from the vestry, preceded by the bishop Judge Hamlin then gave his daughter away after which the rites of the Episcopal service were performed, followed by the communion

The presents were numerous, elegant and costly

ITEMS FROM HAVE.

We have our brush block factory, vinegar factory, paint factory, and cheese factory, but where, oh, where, is that long talked of lamp-black factory

Mine host of the St. Elmo, returned home last Saturday from Butler, Pa., where he has been for a few days buying up turkeys for a shooting match to be held here on the 25th of November.

Jas. McDade, who has been away in Butler county purchasing stock for his livery stable, returned home Saturday last with five new horses, and claims for one of them a record of 2.20. Bring out your 2.25 stock Corsco.

Last Saturday morning, Jas. Campbell's bay team, attached to a heavy lumber wagon, became frightened at a passing engine while standing at the depot, and started off on a dead run, but were checked by coming in contact with a tree just opposite the Casey & Leonard block, which resulted in badly smashing up the wagon. The horses escaped un hurt

Mr J. T. Griffith, one of our most popular and enterprising merchants, intends starting a cheese factory at this point at a very early date. The building, which will be 30x70, is now in course of erection on Bass Kane and will be ready for occupancy for the necessary machinery for the manufacture of cheese Mr Griffith has completed arrangements with our farmers, who have good milch cows, to supply him the year round with milk. The use of 200 head has been contracted for up to date.

One day last week the novel scene was presented to our citizens of moving a house on wheels! Messrs. Holgate Bros., not having a desire to rent their dry but having a desire to rent their dry but having a desire to rent their dry but

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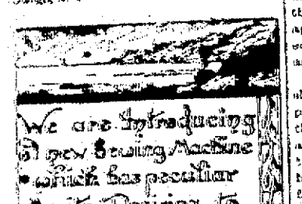

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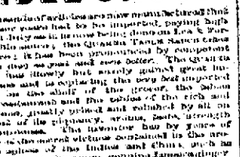
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